

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraphs between the first and second paragraphs on page 5:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Non-limiting and non-exhaustive embodiments of the present invention are described with reference to the following drawings.

For a better understanding of the present invention, reference will be made to the following Detailed Description, which is to be read in association with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 (Reaction Scheme 1) illustrates the preparation and coupling of general formulae (I) and (II).

FIG. 2 (Reaction Scheme 2) illustrates one embodiment of the preparation of coupling reagent (III).

FIG. 3 (Reaction Scheme 3) illustrates one embodiment of the preparation of coupling reagent (IV).

Detailed Description of the Invention

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 1 as follows:

The preparation and coupling of molecules of general formulae (I) and (II) is exemplified in Reaction Scheme I (**FIG. 1**). It will be appreciated that preparation and coupling of molecules of general formulae (I) and (II) may be carried out by modification of the procedures shown in Reaction Scheme 1 in accordance with conventional synthetic organic chemistry.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 16 as follows:

The coupling reagents (III) and (IV) may be prepared by procedures such as those described in Reaction Schemes 2 (**FIG. 2**) and 3 (**FIG. 3**). It will be appreciated that coupling reagents of

general formulae (III) and (IV) may be prepared by modification of the procedures shown in Reaction Schemes ~~1 and 2~~ 2 (FIG. 2) and 3 (FIG. 3) in accordance with conventional synthetic organic chemistry.

Please delete Reaction Scheme 1 on page 17 of the specification.

Please delete Reaction Schemes 2 and 3 on page 20 of the specification.